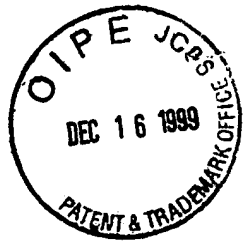


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under  
37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R.  
§§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the  
document listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed  
documents are also enclosed.

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FEE STATEMENT

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being  
filed after the mailing of a first Official Action on the merits of  
the application. Accordingly, Applicant submits a check in the

amount of \$240.00 to cover the cost for consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement. The Assistant Commissioner is authorized to charge any overpayment or deficiency in payment to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed for that purpose.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that an initialed

copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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